

SENATE AGRICULTURE

EXHIBIT NO. 8

DATE 2-10-2009

BILL NO. SB 232

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eli Ticknor, and I am 15 years old. I am here to ask you to please table SB232.

Please vote against a state pancake. It is unnecessary legislation, and this will not improve the lives of Montanans.

We like huckleberry pancakes; we make them often, with freshly picked huckleberries, when we are camping. Just because they are a good thing does not mean that they should be a state symbol. Promoting one specific aspect of Montana farming or ranching does not represent the state as a whole, and it should not be a role of government to promote preferences. If we pass a state whole wheat pancake, how soon before we decide that we need a state steak to promote our livestock products or a state wild game meat to promote our hunting heritage? I am sure that we all want to promote farming and ranching, especially the members of this committee, but designating more state symbols is not the way.

This is unnecessary legislation - Please vote to table ^S~~B~~232.

Thank you.

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